

INSANE BREAK FOR LIBERTY.

"Jim" Lane Tries to Escape from Police Station.

FIFTEEN FEET DOWN A STAIRWAY.

Passed Guards Till He Reached the Receiving Room—Brought to a Standstill by Butt of a Gun—Four Men Required to Hold Him—Often Praying.

Jim Lane, the big burly prisoner, who was taken at Bertelmann's house on the night of the 6th, made a most daring break for liberty last night between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock.

Lane, with several other prisoners, has been confined in the large room above the main entrance to the police station. For the last two days he has been "acting queer," praying and moaning at intervals.

Last night at 7:30 a guard took Lane toward a window in order that he might get a little exercise. When a few steps away from the guard he acted as if about to jump out of the window. This movement was quickly perceived, and Lane coaxed away toward the upper hall.

No sooner had he reached the top of the stairs than he made a wild leap, reaching the first landing, a distance of nearly fifteen feet. Another guard was stationed at this place, and as he stepped out to intercept Lane the flying prisoner slipped away, and in two bounds was in front of the narrow passageway that leads out of doors.

When he reached this place he fell headlong, but, nothing daunted, jumped up and made a break past two guards standing in the passageway.

When he reached the receiving room he struck bad luck. H. S. Padgett, who was standing there on guard, lifted his gun and felled the prisoner to the ground, cutting a gash in his scalp four inches in length, above the junction of the occipital and parietal bones.

William O'Brien made a break to help Padgett, but succeeded in getting in the way of another blow meant for Lane.

Policemen and guards rushed from all directions, and Lane was subdued with the aid of a strong pair of handcuffs and four stout men.

Dr. Cooper was sent for at once, and attempted to sew up the wound in Lane's scalp. With three men at his arms and shoulders and Deputy-Marshal Brown at his head, Lane was still able to jerk his head in all directions, making the operation twice as painful and very much longer than if he had behaved himself.

Lane was a sight when conducted to a strong cell downstairs. His shirt was torn away from his neck and covered with blood and water, while his tie, which had become twisted, formed a noose around his neck.

The guards in the hall above say that Lane had been praying at intervals throughout the day and had just completed a long prayer half an hour before his break for liberty.

Professor Clement's Visit.

Professor Ernest W. Clement, wife, family and mother, from Chicago, were among the through passengers by the China. Professor Clement is a brother of C. L. Clement, of the ADVERTISER staff, and is on his way to Tokio, Japan, where he will establish a school for boys.

Professor Clement formerly resided in Japan for a period of four years, and has been absent from that country some three years. During his residence in the States, Professor Clement was correspondent of the Japan Mail, and has contributed a number of interesting and instructive articles to that journal. Mrs. Professor Clement speaks the Japanese language fluently.

The party were shown around the city yesterday by C. L. Clement. They were much pleased and impressed with what they saw during their brief visit.

England has the advantage of us in safety of railway travel. In 1893 not a single passenger of the 40,000,000 conveyed during the first six months of the year was killed while traveling on the trains.

Single teeth of the mastodon have been found in America weighing as much as thirteen pounds.

FRANCE WILL SEE FIGHTING.

General Duchesne's Task of Conquering Madagascar Not an Easy One.

General Duchesne, who has been appointed commander of the French expedition which will attempt to conquer and annex Madagascar in March or April at an initial expense of \$13,000,000, has been in the military service of France for 39 years. He was born in eastern France 67 years ago, was graduated from the military school of St. Cyr and made a lieutenant of the Second Infantry in 1857. At the battle of Solferino, in 1859, he was badly wounded and was rewarded with the cross of the Legion of Honor. He became a captain in 1864, and his regiment displayed heroic conduct in 1870 at the battle of Spickeren, losing its colonel, lieutenant colonel, 23 officers and nearly 400 men. Duchesne escaped the slaughter, but was captured at Metz and sent to a German prison. He has also served France with distinction in Algeria, Tonquin and Formosa. He received the rank of brigadier general in 1888 and was made general of a division in 1893.

France has coveted Madagascar since 1843, when she gained a foothold in the island by the conquest of the big African island, which is twice as long as New York state and larger than France, has great natural riches and is of decided strategic importance. In 1885 France compelled Madagascar to give her a coaling station at Diego Suarez and assumed a partial protectorate, taking care of Madagascar's foreign affairs, much against her will. Flushed with her conquest of Siam, France has concluded that the time has come for the conquest of more territory; hence the expedition soon to be dispatched under General Duchesne's leadership.

In reply to France's recent ultimatum Queen Ranavalona III refused France's demands for more territory on the island and insists upon Madagascar's right to import munitions of war. As the climate of the lowland is hot and deadly, and as the Hovas, the dominant tribe, have an army as large as the standing army of the United States, well trained and equipped with modern weapons, the little French army of 5,000 or 6,000 men will not find the subjugation of Madagascar an easy task. On several occasions the natives have routed attacking parties of French and English, and with months of warning Queen Ranavalona will doubtless have a warm reception ready for General Duchesne.

WEDDED HALF A CENTURY.

Long Married Life of Novelist Richard Malcolm Johnston and His Wife.

Colonel Richard Malcolm Johnston, the veteran Baltimore novelist, and his wife recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. Mr. Johnston was born in Hancock county, Ga., 72 years ago, and his early life was spent upon his father's great plantation, consisting of 2,500 acres. He was graduated from Mercer university, Georgia, in 1841, at the very head of his class, and then studied law, receiving his sheepskin in 1843. His part-



RICHARD MALCOLM JOHNSTON.

ner in the law business was the younger brother of Alexander H. Stephens, and he practiced with success for ten years. On Nov. 20, 1844, he married Miss Frances Mansfield, the daughter of Connecticut people who had moved to Georgia. Johnston was 23 years of age and his bride but 15. Their union was blessed by 13 children, seven of whom are living.

For four years Mr. Johnston was a professor in Georgia State university, and when the war began he served as aid to Governor Brown and was employed in organizing the militia of the state. He removed to Maryland in 1867 and established the Penn Lucy school, which he successfully conducted for a number of years. He was nearly 60 years of age before his first stories of Georgia life were published. These appeared in The Southern Magazine of Baltimore in 1870 and were written for amusement and were not paid for. They attracted the attention of the editor of Harper's Magazine, however, and Mr. Johnston was asked to contribute to that publication.

Johnston's friend, Sidney Lanier, took a story called "Neelus Fessler's Conditions" to Scribner's Magazine and later surprised Colonel Johnston by handing him \$80, the price paid for the story. Other stories and novels followed, the scenes of many being the town of Powhatan, Ga., veiled under the name of "Dukesboro."

Colonel Johnston is a familiar figure in Baltimore. He is a devout Catholic and is an intimate friend of Cardinal Gibbons. His son, Lucien Johnston, is a priest in charge of a church in Hyattsville, Md. Colonel Johnston is a careful and conscientious writer; but, unlike most authors, he never plans his stories before writing them. He allows the plot to develop itself at its own sweet will and devotes most of his energy to the elaboration of quaint, humorous characters. "I was surprised," he says modestly, "to find my stories considered of value either in a literary or pecuniary way. I am a little surprised yet."

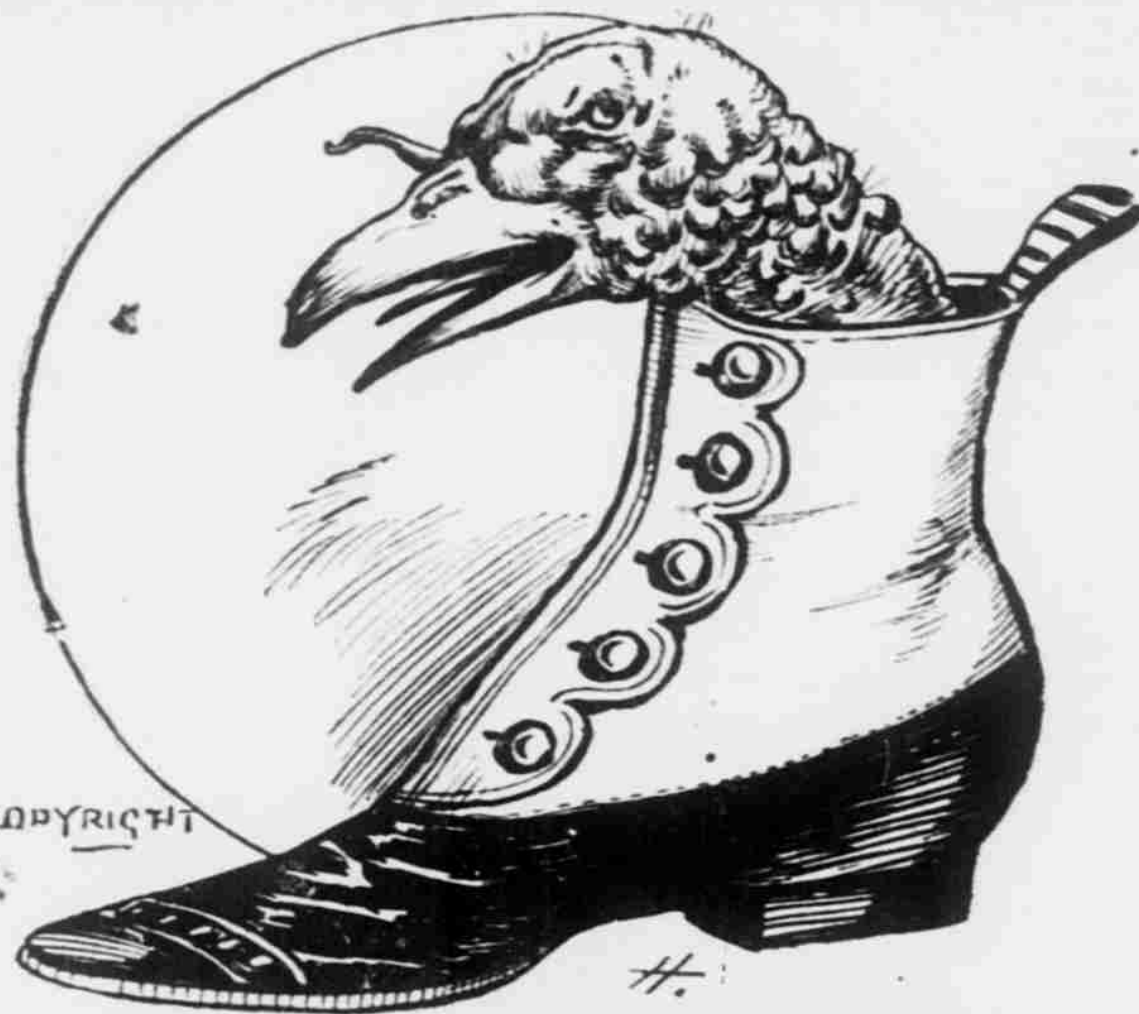
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